

Gospel, the more fully it will be recognized that, in their fundamental doctrines, they are parts of one progressive manifestation of God; the more the organic connection between the Law and the Gospel is considered, the more generally it will be acknowledged that the revelation contained in the Old Testament was preparatory and introductory to that contained in the New, and that the revelation contained in the New Testament is not only the historical continuation, but also the doctrinal consummation, of that contained in the Old.

As the record of a series of partial revelations which prepared for, and culminated in, the perfect revelation of Christ, the Old Testament is related to the New as the root to the bud, the bud to the flower, or the flower to the fruit; so that, while the disuse of the Old would not affect the value of the New, it would affect our understanding of its doctrinal as well as its historical development. For this reason, the Old Testament has been, and is, and always will be, not a burden or a barrier, but a benefit and a blessing, to Christianity.